

Status of the Iowa Workforce and Economy

Upcoming 2018 News Release Schedule

Reference Month	Statewide News Release	Local Area News Release
Jan	Mar 12	Mar 12
Feb	Mar 23	Mar 27
Mar	Apr 20	Apr 24
Apr	May 18	May 22
May	Jun 15	Jun 19
Jun	Jul 20	Jul 24
Jul	Aug 17	Aug 21
Aug	Sep 21	Sep 25
Sep	Oct 19	Oct 23
Oct	Nov 16	Nov 20
Nov	Dec 21	Dec 27
Dec	Jan 18	Jan 23

Iowa Nonfarm Employment Seasonally Adjusted

Year	Month	Iowa Statewide Employment	Manufacturing Employment
2017	Dec	1,582,600	223,000
2018	Jan	1,580,200	223,400
	Feb	1,582,700	224,000
	Mar	1,583,400	224,900
	Apr	1,583,100	224,800
	May	1,585,000	224,700
	Jun	1,592,200	225,600
	Jul	1,591,500	226,900

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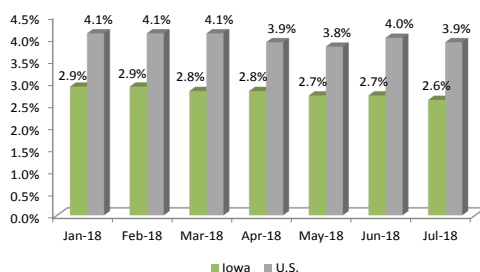
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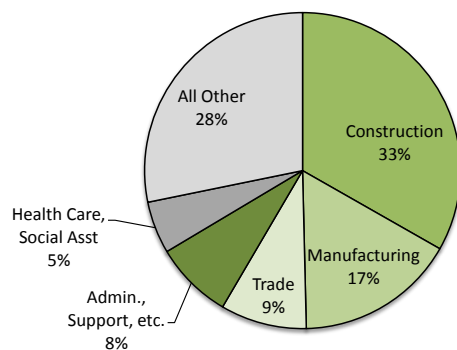
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Iowa and U.S. Unemployment Rates for 2018



- Iowa establishments shed a slight 700 jobs in July following a large gain in June of 7,200 jobs.
- Iowa's retail sector lost 3,000 jobs in July. This is the fourth decrease in 2018.
- Manufacturing gained 1,300 jobs with the most gains being in nondurable goods factories. This sector is now up 11,300 jobs versus last July.
- Construction added 300 jobs in July and is now up 3,500 jobs annually, trailing only manufacturing for annual job growth.
- Iowa has totaled 19,000 jobs added over the past twelve months. Aside from a stagnant retail sector, the only industries to shed jobs are other services and information.
- In addition to job gains annually, production and non-supervisory construction workers averaged slightly over one hour more in overtime compared to last July, adding \$75.01 to average weekly earnings.
- U.S. total nonfarm employment advanced by 157,000 jobs in July. The largest gains were in professional and business services and manufacturing.

Regular UI Benefits by Industry July 2017 through June 2018



- Weekly UI initial claims averaged 2,557 during July 2018 compared to 2,277 during July 2017. This rise was due to an increase in temporary manufacturing layoffs.
- The construction industry accounted for 33 percent of UI benefits paid during the most recent fiscal year. Manufacturing followed with 17 percent of benefits paid.

Iowa Total Nonfarm Employment January 2017 - July 2018

